

TESTIMONY OF JOSEPH F. SMITH

weeks ago making a tour of our Northwestern States missions.

Mr. Taylor. I recall that. He was in the States here about a year or two years or three years ago. I merely want to get the identity of the person. You remember his book—Cowley's Talks on Doctrine?

Mr. Smith. Yes, sir.

Mr. Taylor. You are familiar with that work?

Mr. Smith. I know of the work.

Mr. Taylor. How long has he been an apostle?

Mr. Smith. Quite a number of years.

Mr. Taylor (exhibiting book to witness). Do you recognize that that is his work?

Mr. Smith. That Smith, the work of his.

Mr. Worthington. Give us the title page.

Mr. Smith. Cowley's—

Senator Dubois. Mr. Taylor, excuse me a moment.

Mr. Worthington. Let us get the title page.

Mr. Smith. Cowley's Talks on Doctrine. That is the title.

Mr. Worthington. Give the date.

Mr. Smith. It was published in 1902. It was published in the Southern States by Elder E. B. Taylor.

Mr. Worthington. Senator Dubois wishes to ask you a question.

Mr. Smith. Excuse me.

When Cowley Became Apostle

Senator Dubois. You say quite a number of years. How many years has Mr. Cowley been an apostle?

Mr. Smith. Now, Senator, I can not remember, but if it is necessary I will find out.

Senator Dubois. I will ask you this question: Has he not been made an apostle in 1897?

Mr. Smith. I could not tell from memory. Really I do not recall.

Senator Dubois. Perhaps some of these gentlemen here can recall. That is my recollection of it.

Mr. Van Cott. Wait just a moment.

Senator Dubois. Some of the men present may be able to answer the question.

Mr. Smith. I really do not remember.

Senator Dubois. I think it was about 1897 or 1898. I am not positive, however.

Mr. Taylor. I have a memorandum here—

Mr. Smith. I think that is likely it.

Mr. Taylor. October, 1897, is the memorandum I have of his succession.

The Chairman. Do you answer the question, Mr. Smith?

Mr. Smith. About Mr. Cowley?

The Chairman. Yes.

Mr. Smith. I can not do it from actual remembrance, but I believe that is about the time. What is the date?

Mr. Taylor. Eighteen hundred and ninety-seven.

Mr. Smith. Yes, 1897. Perhaps some of the gentlemen here can tell. [A pause.] I am informed it was in 1897.

Mr. Taylor. No question is now before the witness.

The Chairman. No, sir. You may proceed.

Weber Stake Reunion.

Mr. Taylor. You were at the Weber Stake reunion last summer—

Mr. Smith. Yes, I was.

Mr. Taylor. Do you remember making

Mr. Taylor. Do you remember making a speech down there last summer at Ogden?

Mr. Smith: I could not say it was his funeral. I was not there. I got Open at a reunion there and making some remarks at that reunion.

Mr. Taylor: I perhaps can identify the occasion. But the circumstance is important, but it interested me, as you can imagine. It was when Mrs. Bathsheba made some remarks in a reminiscent way.

Mr. Smith: Yes, sir; that is right.

Mr. Taylor: Yes, sir.

Mr. Smith: I do not remember that he was. He may have been there.

Mr. Taylor: Do you remember saying in your speech made to your people there, this:

The Chairman, On what date?

Mr. Taylor: June 12, 1960.

Senator Hoar: What paper is that?

Mr. Taylor: I was just going to state, so that the situation was not confused, that it had been June 12 when this reunion occurred. The communication is dated and from Ogden, June 12, and the title printed in the Deseret News of Thursday, June 23, 1960. So I ask you if you said in or in reference to George this talk:

Smith on Plural Marriage.

"A LIVING WITNESS. Aunt Bathsheba, widow of George A. Smith, who is with us today, is the last living witness, so far as I know, of the practice of polygamy. While

Joseph Smith was living. Here is Aunt Bathsheba, who received her endowments in Nauvoo, and these are now given in the temple. She

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you that it is a principle revealed by God to Joseph Smith the prophet, and the Latter-day Saint who denies and rejects that truth in his

"I shall be content as well to enjoy every other rich man's wealth, as to be the only man who has nothing. I will get his or her reward, for God is just and deals out justice with never a mistake."
Now, just read and understand its form.
The reporter read as follows:
"Mr. Taylor. Do you remember saying in your speech made to a young people there, this—"
Was Correctly Reported.
Mr. Smith, Mr. Chairman, the words "your people" there are misleading. This occurred in the presence of a few of a few individuals, and there were only a few of the leading authorities of the Welsh Methodist gathering at all, nor were those remarks in the light of a public address. They were made to a few individuals, and I made them, and I am correctly reported by the paper, as Mr. Taylor has read them.
The Chairman. That answers the question.
Mr. Taylor. That answers it. I have no doubt that Mr. Smith is as to the character of this meeting is correct. Let me read you the newspaper statement of its character, which I think you will disclose it to all of us. It is this:
Who Were Present.
"The presidency of the stake, the bishops